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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Postal Workers Accused of Using Positions to Commit Unemployment Fraud

(U) Two US Postal Service employees were arrested on charges that they used their positions to purchase postal money orders with thousands of dollars in California unemployment benefits obtained through false claims of pandemic-related job losses. A criminal complaint unsealed after the arrests alleges conspiracy, aggravated identity theft, access device fraud and fraud in connection with major disaster or emergency benefits. Christian Jeremyah James, 31, and Armand Caleb Legardy, 32, were expected to make initial appearances in a Los Angeles court.

SOURCE: 11 March 2021, [KTLA](#)

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – CBP Officers Seize \$1.3 Million of Meth Hidden in Shipment of Spinach

(U) Otay Mesa – US Customs and Border Protection officers discovered \$1.3 million worth of methamphetamine hidden in a shipment of fresh spinach. The smuggling incident occurred when a tractor-trailer, purporting to carry a shipment of fresh spinach pulled into the commercial port for inspection. The driver and his load were referred to the port's X-ray imaging system. The X-ray exam uncovered anomalies in the shipment and a drug-sniffing dog team was called in, ultimately alerting officers to the drugs. Officers found 127 wrapped packages of methamphetamine mixed within the boxes of fresh spinach.

SOURCE: 11 March 2021, [Times of San Diego](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Colorado – Former Police Sergeant Accused of Helping Cover up Pipe Bombings

(U) Aurora – A police sergeant is accused of helping the suspect of two pipe bombings cover up the crimes. Curtiss Howard Christensen, 69, has been charged with accessory after the fact to first-degree arson, tampering with physical evidence and unlawful purchase of firearms. In December 2020 and January 2021, two pipe bombs were detonated, damaging three homes. Scott Campbell, 45, who is accused of detonating both bombs, faces charges of attempted first-degree murder, first-degree arson, and possession of a weapon by a previous offender.

SOURCE: 11 March 2021, [Denver Channel](#)

(U) District of Columbia – More Than 270 Charged in Capitol Siege

(U) Washington – More than two months after the siege at the Capitol, the US remains on high alert for violence from homegrown extremists. DHS has declared the US under a heightened threat environment until at least April, and FBI Director Christopher Wray recently warned that domestic terror is growing and will not go away anytime soon.

SOURCE: 11 March 2021, [FOX 45](#)

(U) District of Columbia – FBI And CISA Release Advisory on Cybersecurity Compromise

(U) Washington – The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and FBI have released a Joint Cybersecurity Advisory (CSA) to address recently disclosed vulnerabilities in the Microsoft Exchange Server. The CSA is meant to highlight the cyber threat associated with active exploitation of vulnerabilities in Microsoft Exchange on-premises products. FBI and CISA assess that adversaries will continue to exploit this vulnerability to compromise networks and steal information, encrypt data for ransom, or even execute a destructive attack. Adversaries may also sell access to compromised networks on the dark web.

SOURCE: 11 March 2021, [Security Magazine](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Netherlands – Police Officer Stabbed in Face after Curfew

(U) The Hague – A police officer was stabbed in the face when he attempted to check why two young men were outside during the national COVID-19 curfew. The officer was taken to a hospital with a serious facial injury. The two young men fled on foot after the stabbing. Police launched a hunt for them and appealed for witnesses. The curfew sparked rioting when it was introduced late in January but has been largely adhered to throughout the country since.

SOURCE: 11 March 2021, [Associated Press](#)

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